

## PRESS RELEASE - COMMUNIQUE - FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

Thousands of homosexuals died in Nazi concentration camps. They have been sentenced twice: to death and to silence. That silence will be broken on Saturday, March 28, when Professor James D. Steakley speaks at Concordia University on "Gays in the Holocaust".

Steakley traces the tragic history of the gay victims of National Socialism from the early German homosexual emancipation movement, founded by Magnus Hirschfeld in 1898, through the political scandals of Wilhelmine Germany, to the death camps where they were marked by the Pink Triangle. Even now the homosexual victims are unmourned, as memories to them are forbidden in most camps and most Holocaust ceremonies, and barred from the compensation paid by the West German government to other victims of the camps.

James Steakley is a specialist in German social and cultural history. He is the author of the standard study of the German gay rights movement (The Homosexual Emancipation Movement in Germany, Arno, 1975), and of a comprehensive bibliography, The Writings of Magnus Hirschfeld, Canadian Gay Archives, 1985. He has also written a study of the homosexual scandals promoted by the press that rocked the court of Kaiser Wilhelm, the so-called Eulenburg affair.

Steakley's lecture, which will be illustrated by slides, will be given in room H-110 of the Hall Building, Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West (Guy Metro), at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, 1987.

This event culminates a whole week of lesbian and gay history illustrated lectures. Below is the entire schedule, all except the final lecture begins at 8:30 p.m. in the rooms listed of the Hall Building, Concordia University, situated on 1455 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West (Guy Metro).

\*Tuesday, March 24 in room H-405:

"BERLIN MEANT BOYS: ENGLISH GAY WRITERS IN BERLIN IN THE 20'S" with Professor Robert Martin.

\*Wednesday, March 25 in room H-621:

"GAY MALE EROTICA FILM BEFORE STONEWALL: PART II" with Thomas Wagh.

\*Thursday, March 26 in room H-625:

"L'ASSOCIATION NOCTURNE: THREE DECADES OF GAY MONTREAL IN PICTURES" with Ross Higgins.

\*Friday, March 27 in room H-625:

"LESBIAN AND GAY MEN IN GREENWICH VILLAGE BETWEEN THE WARS: FAIRYLANDS NOT FAR FROM WASHINGTON SQUARE" with Bruce Russell.

This series of public lectures is sponsored by the following collectives:  
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